

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been examined. Claims 9-17 have been withdrawn from consideration. With this amendment, Applicants add claims 18-21. Claims 1-21 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Formalities

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' election without traverse of species A (claims 1-8) filed on January 13, 2005.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority and for confirming receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

In addition, Applicants thank the Examiner for initialing and returning a copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 12, 2003.

However, the Examiner has not initialed and returned copies of the PTO-1449 forms submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 18, 2004, and April 12, 2005. Applicants request that the Examiner initial and return copies of the these forms in the next Office Action.

II. Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they allegedly include reference characters not mentioned in the description. Specifically, the Examiner contends that element 101 is not referenced in the description.

However, at least the last sentence of paragraph 021 describes “polarization panel 101.” Therefore, Applicants submit that the drawings are in compliance and request that the objection be withdrawn..

III. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamamura (US Publication No. 2003/0067565) [“Yamamura”]. For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a liquid crystal display device that comprises “a selective reflection panel provided on the upper surface of the lower substrate to reflect light having a predetermined incident angle or greater and transmit the remaining light.” The Examiner contends that color filter layer 114 or the combination of the color filter layer and polarization panel 150 corresponds to the claimed selective reflection panel.

Applicants submit that Yamamura is silent with respect to the reflection characteristics of the color filter layer 114 and the polarization panel 150. Accordingly, Yamamura does not disclose or suggest at least the claimed selective reflection panel that reflects light having a predetermined incident angle or greater. Therefore, Yamamura does not disclose or suggest every element of claim 1 as required for a rejection under §102 to be valid.

Applicants submit that claims 2, 4 and 5 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamura. For at least the following reason, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit that claim 3 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 1.

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamura in view of Ochiai (US 6,196,691) ["Ochiai"]. For at least the following reason, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Because Ochiai does not cure the deficient teachings of Yamamura with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claims 6-8 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

V. New Claims

With this amendment, Applicants add claims 18-21. Applicants submit that these claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency, as well as the features set forth therein.

VI. Rejoinder of Claims

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of claims 9-17 since independent claim 9 is patentable for reasons analogous to those given above with respect to claim 1.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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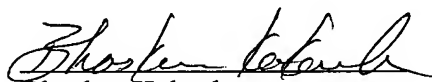
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